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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: REINFORCED LOCKING CONNECTOR

Examiner: T. X. M. Chung

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Applicant hereby petitions for a two-month extension of term, attached hereto, thereby extending the term for response to and including February 8, 2006. In response to the Office Action dated September 8, 2005, consideration of the remarks provided, and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

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